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SUBJECT: MTN: QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS CONSULTATIONS

1. FOLLOWING LETTER CONCERNING QR CONSULTATIONS
RECEIVED TODAY FROM NORWAY VIA GATT SECRETARIAT:

QUOTE REFERRING TO YOUR LETTER OF 24 JUNE 1975 CONCERNING
NORWEGIAN MEASURES NOTIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION
UNDER THE PROCEDURE AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP
"QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS" IN APRIL 1975, I HAVE NOTED THAT
ALL THE PRODUCTS CONCERNED FALL UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

IN THIS CONNECTION I WISH TO RECALL THE DISCUSSION IN THE
SUB-GROUP WHEN SOME DELEGATIONS INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO
DISCUSS QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN
THE GROUP "AGRICULTURE".

FURTHERMORE, THE GROUP "NON-TARIFF MEASURES" AT ITS
JUNE 1975 MEETING AGREED TO BRING THE DISCUSSION IN THE SUB-
GROUP ON THIS QUESTION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GROUP "AGRICUL-
TURE". IT MAY THEREFORE BE EXPECTED THAT THE GROUP "AGRICUL-
TURE WILL DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A MACHINERY
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TO CONSIDER QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL

PRODUCTS.

AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION IS OF
THE OPINION THAT DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATIONS ON THE BASIS OF
THE UNITED STATES NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL
AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED IN THE GROUP "AGRICULTURE" ON THE
FRAMEWORK IN WHICH QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SHOULD BE TREATED.

ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
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